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SECTION . Any city having a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants may frame a charter for its own government, consistent with and subject to the Constitution and laws of this State, by causing a Board of fifteen freeholders, who shall have been for at least five years qualified electors thereof, to be elected by the qualified voters of such city, at any general or special election, whose duty it shall be, within ninety days after such election, to prepare and propose a charter for such city, which shall be signed in duplicate by the members of such Board, or a majority of them, and returned, one copy thereof to the Mayor, or other chief executive officer of such city, and the other to the Recorder of deeds of the county. Such proposed charter shall then be published in two daily papers of largest general circulation in such city for at least twenty days, and within not less than thirty days after such publication it shall be submitted to the qualified electors of such city at a general or special election, and if a majority of such qualified electors voting thereat shall ratify the same, it shall, at the end of sixty days thereafter, become the charter of such city," or if such city be consolidated with a county in government, then of such city and county, and shall become the organic law thereof, and supersede any existing charter and all amendments thereof, and all special laws inconsistent with such charter. A copy of such charter, certified by the Mayor, or chief executive officer, and authenticated by the seal of such city, setting forth the submission of such charter to the electors and its ratification by them, shall be made in duplicate and deposited, one in the office of the Secretary of State, the other, after being recorded in the office of the Recorder of deeds of the county, among the archives of the city, and thereafter all Courts shall take judicial notice thereof. The charter so ratified may be amended at intervals of not less than two years, by proposals therefor submitted by the legislative authority of the city to the qualified voters thereof, at a general or special election held at least sixty after the publication of such proposals, and ratified by at least three-fifths of the qual-

ified electors voting thereat. In submitting any such charter, or amendment

thereto, any alternative article or proposition may be presented for the choice

of the voters, and may be voted on separately without prejudice to others.

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The compensation or fees of any county, city, town, or municipal officer shall not be inexted after his election or during his term of office; nor shall the term of any such officer be extended beyond the period for which he elected or appointed.

SEC. 28. No county, city, town, or other public or municipal corporation, nor the inhabitants thereof, nor the property therein, shall be released or discharged from their or its proportionate share of taxes to be levied for State parposes, nor shall commutation for such taxes be authorized in any form whatsoever.

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The Legislature shall have no power to impose taxes upon counties, cities, towns, or other public or municipal corporations, or upon the inhabitants or property thereof, for county, city, town, or other municipal purposes, but may, by general laws, vest in the corporate authorities thereof the power to assess and collect taxes for such purposes.

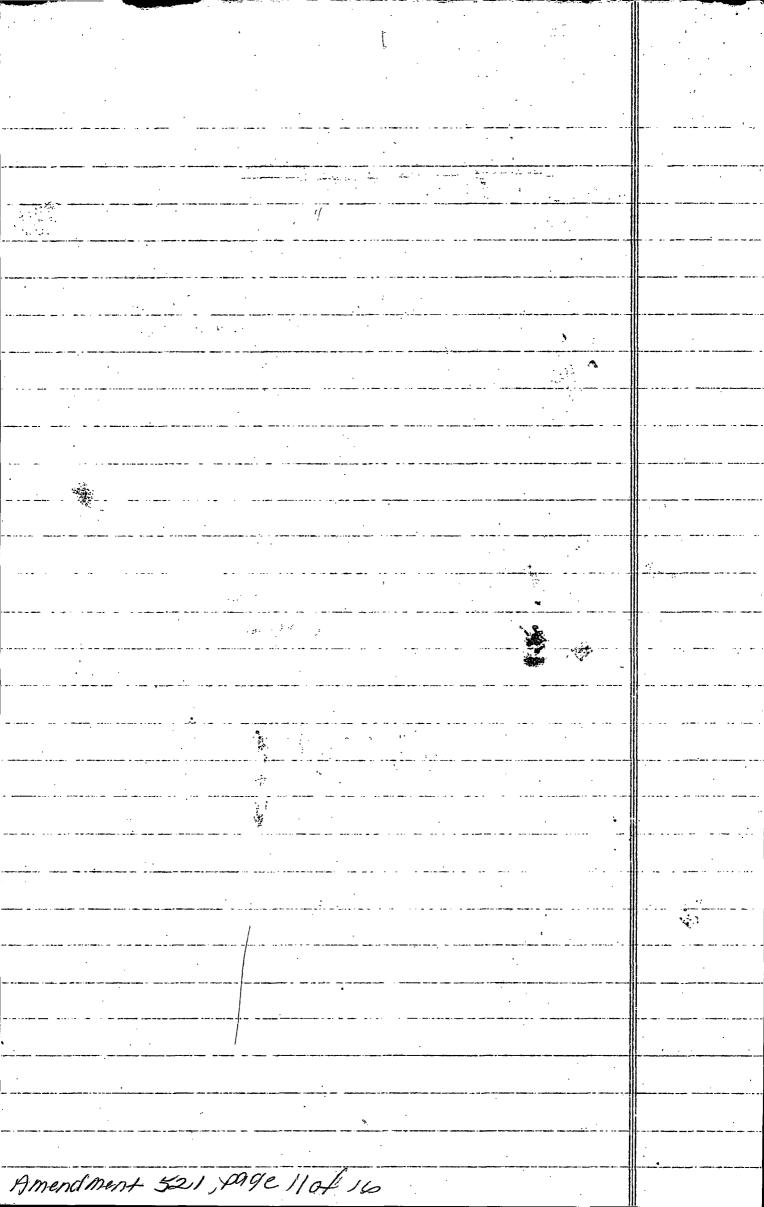
SEC. 12 The Legislature shall not delegate to any special commission, private corporation, company, association, or individual, any power to make, control, appropriate, supervise, or in any way interfere with, any county, city, town, or municipal improvement, money, property, or effects, whether held trust or otherwise, or to levy taxes or assessments, or perform any municipal functions whatever.

SEC. 16 No State office shall be continued or created in any county, city, town, or other municipality, for the inspection, measurement, or graduation of any merchandise, manufacture, or commodity; but such county, city, town, or municipality may, when authorized by law, and the public interest demands it, appoint such officers.

SEC. 19. Private property shall not be taken or sold for the payment of the corporate debt of any political or municipal corporation.

SEC. All moneys, assessments, and taxes belonging to or collected for the use of any county, city, town, or other public or municipal corporation, coming into the hands of any officer thereof, shall immediately on the receipt thereof be deposited with the Treasurer, or other legal depositary, to the credit of such city, town, or other corporation respectively, for the benefit of the funds to which they respectively belong.

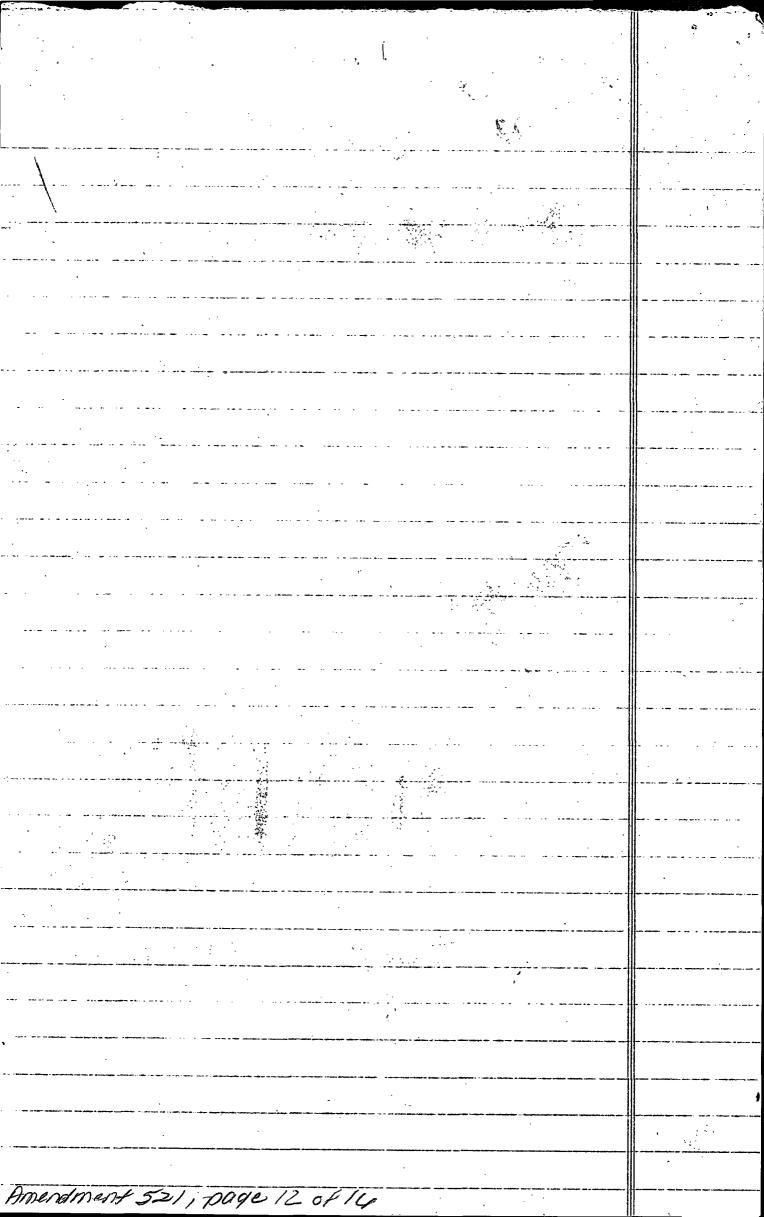
SEC. 22. The making of profit out of county, city, town, or public school money, or using the same for any purpose not authorized by law, by any officer having the possession or control thereof, shall be a felony, and shall be prosecuted and punished as prescribed by law:



SEC. 20. No county, city, town, township, Board of Education, school or municipal corporation, shall incur any indebtdistrict, or other political edness or liability in any manner, or for any purpose, exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for them respectively for such year, without the assent of two-thirds of the voters thereof voting at an election to be held for that purpose; nos in cases requiring such assent shall any indebtedness be incurred (except by a county to erect a Court-house or Jail) to an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the assessment next before the last assessment for State and county purposes, previous to the incurring such indebtedness, unless, before or at the time of incurring such indebtedness, provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof within twenty years from the time of contracting the same.

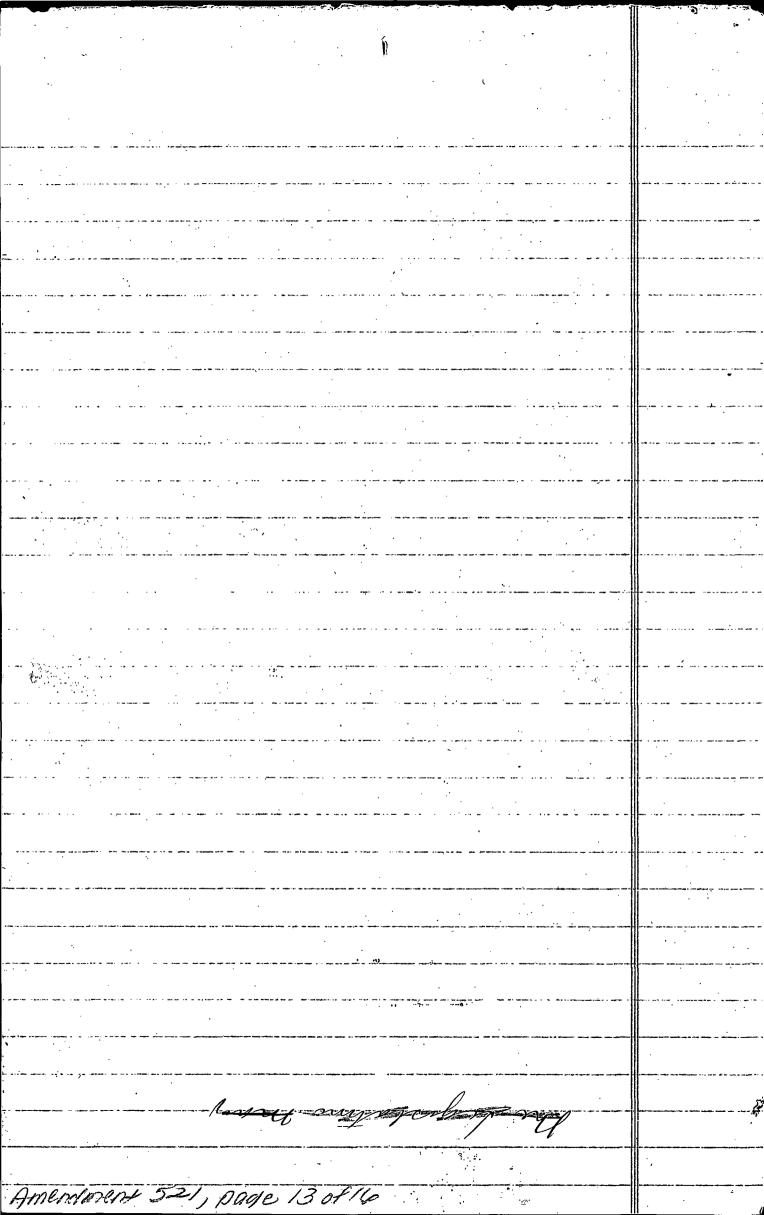
SEC. No county, city, town, or other public or municipal corporation, by a vote of its citizens or otherwise, shall become a subscriber to the capital stock, or a stockholder in any corporation, association, or company, or make any appropriation, or donation, or loss its redit to, or in aid of, any person, corporation, association, company, or institution.

SEC. 22. No law shall be passed by the Legislature granting the right to construct and operate a railroad within any city, town, village, or on any public street or highway thereof, without the consent of the municipal or other proper local authorities having the control of such street or highway proposed to be occupied by such railroad.



SECTION 23. In any city where there are no public works owned and controlled by the municipality for supplying the same with artificial light and water, any company duly incorporated by the laws of this State shall, under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets of said city, have the privilege of disturbing and using the public streets and thoroughfares thereof, and of laying down pipes and conduits therein, and of making connections therewith, so far as may be necessary for introducing into and supplying such city and its inhabitants either with gaslight or other illuminating light, or with fresh water for domestic and all other purposes, for which the same or either may be used, upon the conditions following: Such company shall make good all damages to such streets and thoroughfares, except necessarily occasioned by the reasonable use thereof, and be liable to such city and its inhabitants therefor. Such company introducing and supplying gaslight or other light, and fresh water, or either, shall furnish the same, so far as necessary and required, free and without charge, to all public buildings, institutions, and school houses belonging to such city, and used for municipal purposes; and such company introducing and supplying water shall also furnish the same, free and without charge, to the Fire Department, and for the extinguishment of fires. Each company, its property and franchise, shall be liable to such city and its inhabitants for the performance of these conditions.

SEC. 24. In counties or cities having more than one hundred thousand inhabitants no person shall, at the same time, be a State officer and a city or county officer, nor hold two city or county offices.



SEC. 25. Before any public work or improvement of any description whatsoever shall be made or done, in any city, in, upon, or about the streets thereof, or otherwise, the cost and expense of which is made chargeable or may be assessed upon private property by special assessment, an estimate of such expense shall be made, and an assessment, in proportion to benefits, shall be made and levied on the property to be benefited, and shall be collected and paid into the city treasury before such work or improvement shall be made, or any contract for letting or doing the same shall be authorized or performed.

SEC. 26. The Legislature shall not pass any local or special law in the cases following:

Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, towns, townships, wards, city or county Boards of Education, school districts, or other political or municipal corporation or subdivision of the State;

Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, maintaining or vacating roads, highways, streets, alleys, town plats, or parks;

Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State;

Locating or changing county seats;

Incorporating cities, towns, or villages, or changing their charters;

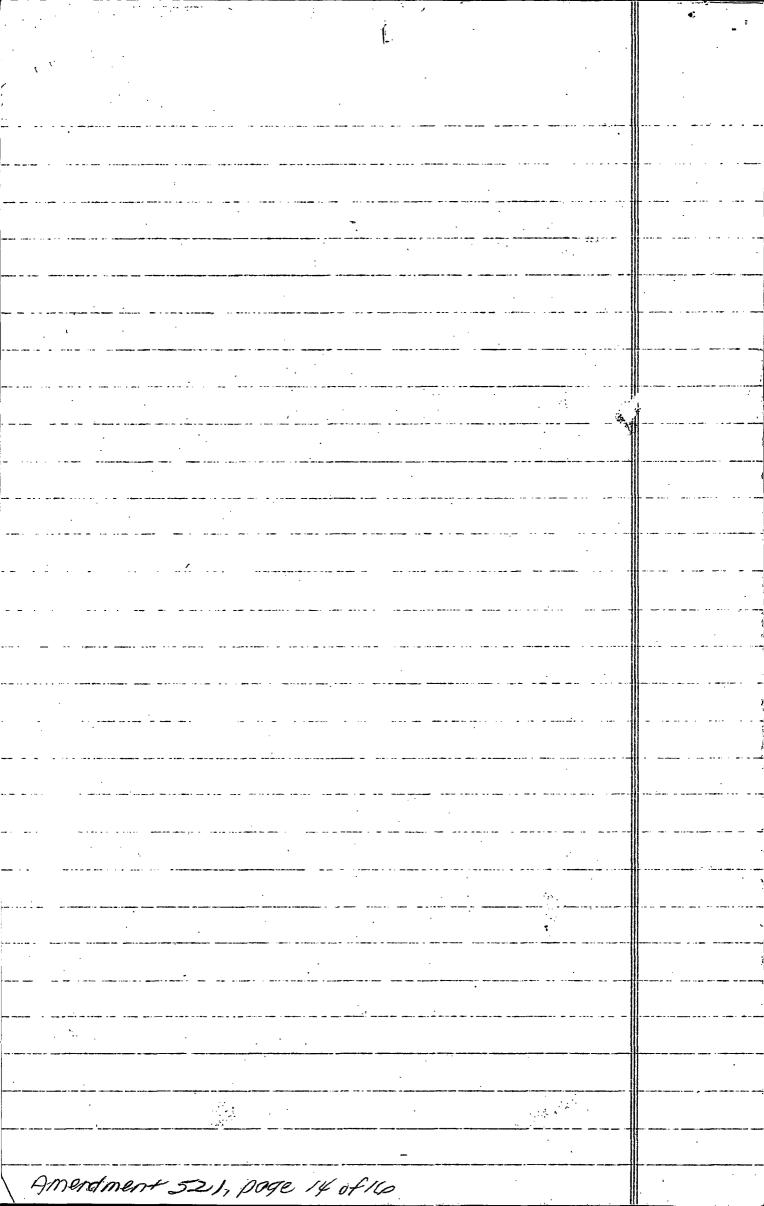
Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, towns, townships, or school districts;

Regulating the fees or extending the powers and duties of county or municipal officers;

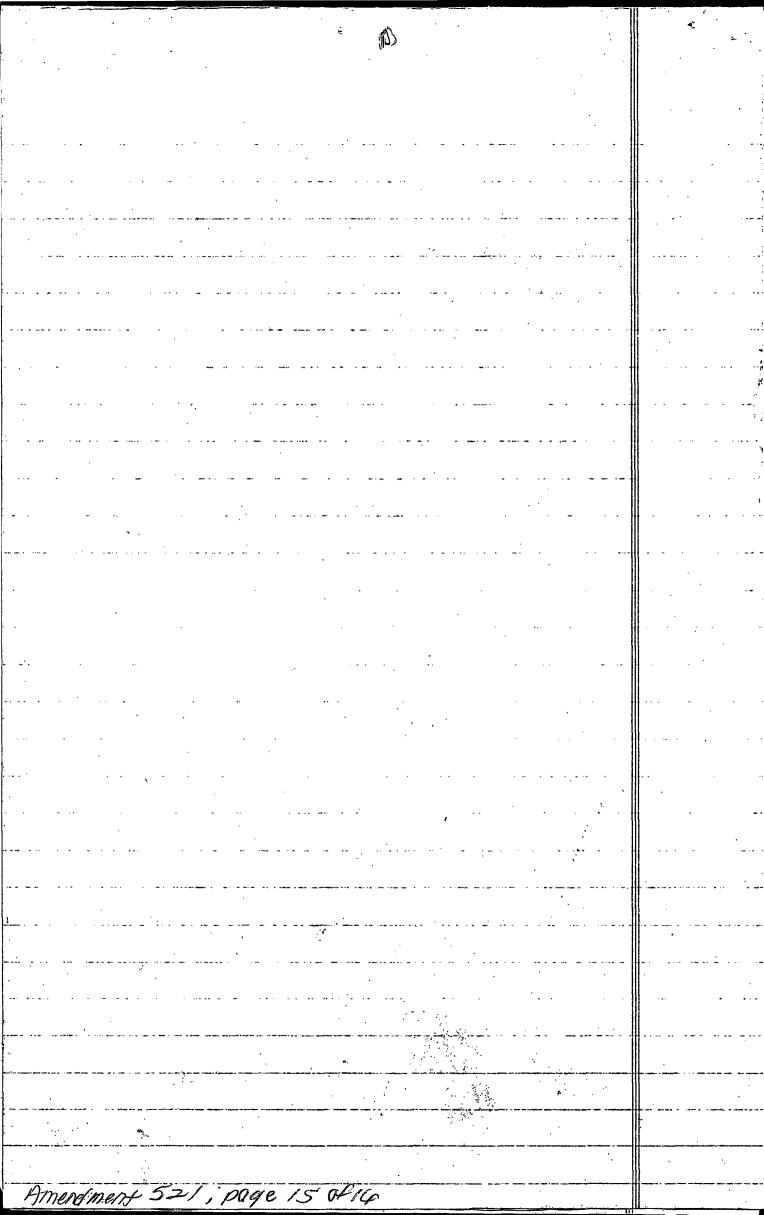
Regulating the management and maintenance of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses, and raising of money for such purposes;

Extending the time for the assessment or collection of county, city, or other municipal taxes, or otherwise relieving any Assessor or Collector of county or city taxes from the due performance of the official duties, or thier securities from liability;

Liegalizing the unauthorized or invalid acts of any officer or agent of any county or municipality thereof;



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